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SUBJECT: OPENING OF IRAN AMERICA SOCIETY IN AHWAZ

1. AS FIRST OFFICIAL ACT AFTER PRESENTING CREDENTIALS, AMBASSADOR TRAVELED TO AHWAZ APRIL 7 AND 8 TO PARTICIPATE IN OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW IRAN AMERICA SOCIETY

(IAS BRANCH) IN AHWAZ. CEREMONY WAS WELL ATTENDED BY LOCALLY PROOPHENT IRANIANS AND AMERICANS AND WAS PRE-SIDED OVER BY KHUZISTAN GOVERNOR GENERAL, ABBAS SALOUR. PROGRAM INCLUDED SHOWING OF METROPOLITAN MUSEUM' S FILM, " THE HOUGHTON SHAHNAMEH", FOLLOWED BY DINNER GIVEN BY GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR AMBASSADOR AND IRANIAN AND AMERICAN MEMBERS OF AHWAZ IAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

2. OPENING OF NEW IAS BRANCH AT AHWAZ AT TIME WHEN US RESOURCES FOR THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY ARE DECLINING REFLECTS GROWING IMPORTANCE AND PROSPERITY OF KHUZISTAN PROVINCE AND IS MADE POSSIBLE BY STRONG INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF LOCAL IRANIAN AND AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. MANY NEW BUSINESSES ARE BEING ATTRACTED TO KHUZISTAN WHICH WANT PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING FACILITY. OTHER BACKING HAS COME FROM MANY IRANIANS IN AREA WHO WISH DEVELOP OR MAINTAIN TIES WITH US. OF INTEREST IS THAT OUTSIDE OF TEHRAN LARGEST NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL IRANIAN RETURNEES FROM US ARE NOW LOCATED

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IN AHWAZ.

3. USIS TEHRAN, WORKING CLOSELY WITH CONSUL CLEMENT,
HAS PROVIDED ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THIS IAS
BRANCH AND SOME SUPPORT FOR OPERATCE

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